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THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" (*a*) Yes, in a portion said to be reserved for the Caste Hindus.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) There is a proposal to amend the Act ; but the exact form of the amendment has not been decided upon."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*a*), may I know whether there are separate enclosures in the Crematorium for Caste Hindus and others?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" That is what I understand from the facts of the case."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know what reasons the Government had for remitting the sentence?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" They thought that the sentence was too heavy."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" May I know whether in the opinion of the Government it is the heaviness of the sentence that counts so much and not whether the individual concerned deserves to be convicted at all?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" These comparative considerations do not enter into the mind of the Government."

SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government were aware of the facts of the case before the prosecution was launched in Court?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" The case came to the notice of the Government only after the appeal was decided."

SRI B. BHEEMA RAO :—" May I know whether the Government will make a provision to the effect that such extraordinary cases should only be started after consultation with the Law Officers of the Crown?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" I do not know what 'extraordinary cases' mean. That term may have first to be defined."

SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO :—" With reference to the answer to clause (*c*), may I ask why Government take so much time to amend a small section of the Removal of Disabilities Act, 1938?"

THE HON. SRI K. BHASHYAM :—" It is not a small amendment. If the hon. Member has any suggestion to make for the amendment of the Act I shall consider it."

Revenue from temples and mutts in the Presidency.

* 9 *Q.*—SRI D. MANJAYYA HEGDE :—" Will the Hon. the Minister for Hindu Religious Endowments be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the total revenue derived from temples and mutts in the Presidency for 1944–45 ;

(*b*) how much money contribution was derived from temples and mutts in South Kanara district for 1944–45;

(*c*) which are the temples under the direct management of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board in the Presidency and what is the income of such temples and mutts for 1944–45;

(*d*) what steps are taken to further the interests of the religious activities and the propaganda work for the revival of the Hindu culture by way of religious lectures, religious conferences, religious instructions, exhibitions and other demonstrations, through such temples;

(*e*) how much money is spent by the Hindu Religious Endowments Board for the Grow More Food campaign on behalf of the temples under their management;

(*f*) what is the nature of work turned out since 1933; and

(*g*) what are the other religious institutions under the direct and indirect control of the Hindu Religious Endowments Board that have spent money on Grow More Food campaign and, if so, how much; and

(*h*) what the work done is?

THE HON. SRI K. KOTI REDDI :—" (*a*) to (*h*) Government have no information. It has been called for."

Crop-cutting experiments.

* 10 *Q*.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Agriculture be pleased to state—

(*a*) what is the method adopted in conducting crop-cutting experiments;

(*b*) whether the Government are aware that the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research under the direction of its Statistical Adviser has been conducting crop-cutting experiments under the " random-sampling method ";

(*c*) whether such experiments in respect of paddy and millets have been conducted in this presidency either by the Imperial Council of Agricultural Research or the Agricultural department;

(*d*) the extent to which the usual official estimates agree with the sample estimates; and

(*e*) whether the Government will be pleased to place on the table of the House any report on the subject?

THE HON. SRI P. S. KUMARASWAMI RAJA :—" (*a*) The method adopted in conducting crop-cutting experiments was till 1944–45 the ' Random sampling method '. Since 1944–45 an improved plan of random sampling has been in use and that is the stratified plan of sampling in which the taluks are the strata and the villages are primary units and a field is the sub-unit and a plot of 1/20 acre is the ultimate unit.

" (*b*) The answer is in the affirmative.

" (*c*) Two series of crop-cutting experiments on paddy and millets were carried out by the Provincial Government, the first during the four years ending 1939–40 and the second during the three years ending 1944–45 in all the districts of